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REMARKS

It is believed that the enclosed amendments render the outstanding rejections moot. The undersigned left two messages with the Examiner to discuss these issues, however the phone calls were not returned.

In view of the above remarks, favorable reconsideration is courteously requested. If there are any remaining issues which could be expedited by a telephone conference, the Examiner is courteously invited to telephone counsel at the number indicated below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

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